

Grace Lutheran School  
Communicable Disease School Management Plan  
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This document outlines the steps necessary to implement the reduction of a virus outbreak on our campus and maintain, to the greatest extent possible, the health of students and staff. In order for onsite learning to take place certain precautions must be observed, processes put in place, cleaning protocols followed, and all school personnel properly educated and trained.

**Grace Lutheran School’s designated Safety Officer is:**

Justin Eternick Principal, who is to be responsible for implementation of health and safety protocols.

**The Safety Officer is responsible to:**

1. Ensure that daily records, including contact tracing information, are kept of all who come and go throughout the school day. These logs must be maintained for a minimum of 4 weeks after completion of in-person/on-site instruction.
2. Maintain a student contact tracing plan, which must include student name, family and emergency contact information, drop-off/pick-time, and adults responsible for both drop-off/pick-up and all staff that interact with each group of students.
3. Ensure health and safety precautions are followed.

**Definitions**

1. “Restrictable diseases” are defined by rule and include but are not limited to chickenpox, diphtheria, hepatitis A, measles, mumps, pertussis, rubella, Salmonella enterica serotype Typhi infection, scabies, Shiga-toxicogenic Escherichia coli (STEC) infection, shigellosis and tuberculosis disease, and may include a communicable stage of hepatitis B infection if, in the opinion of the local health officer, the person poses an unusually high risk to others (e.g., a child that exhibits uncontrollable biting or spitting). Restrictable disease also includes any other communicable disease identified in an order issued by the Oregon Health Authority or the local public health officer as posing a danger to the public’s health. A disease is considered to be a restrictable disease if it is listed in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-0010, or it has been designated to be a restrictable disease by the local health administrator, after determining that it presents a significant public health risk in the school setting.
2. “Susceptible” means being at risk of contracting a restrictable disease by virtue of being in one or more categories described in law.
3. “Reportable diseases” means a human reportable disease, infection, microorganism or condition as specified in OAR Chapter 333, Division 18.

## **Restrictable Diseases**

1. An administrator that has reason to suspect that a student has or has been exposed to any restrictable disease for which the student is required to be excluded, shall exclude that student from school and send him/her home. If the disease is reportable, the administrator will report the occurrence to the local health department.
2. The student will be excluded in such instances until such time as the student or the parent or guardian of the student presents a certificate from a physician, a physician assistant licensed under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 677.505-677.525, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375-678.390, local health department nurse or school nurse stating that the student does not have or is not a carrier of any restrictable diseases.
3. An administrator will exclude a susceptible student that has been exposed to a restrictable disease that is also a reportable disease unless the local health officer determines that exclusion is not necessary to protect the public's health, or the local health officer states the disease is no longer communicable to others or that adequate precautions have been taken to minimize the risk of transmission. The administrator may request the local health officer to make a determination as allowed by law.
4. Grace Lutheran School may, for the protection of both the student who has a restrictable disease and the exposed student, provide an educational program in an alternative setting. A student may remain in an alternative educational setting until such time as a certificate from a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, local health department nurse or school nurse states that the student does not have or is not a carrier of any restrictable disease, or until such time as a local health officer states that the disease is no longer communicable to others or that adequate precautions have been taken to minimize the risk of transmission. A restrictable disease exclusion for chickenpox, scabies, staphylococcal skin infections, streptococcal infections, diarrhea or vomiting may also be removed by a school nurse or health care provider.
5. More stringent exclusion standards for students from school may be adopted by the local health department or by Grace Lutheran School through Board adopted policy.
6. A disease is considered to be a restrictable disease if it is listed in OAR 333-019-0010, or it has been designated to be a restrictable disease by the local health administrator, after determining that it presents a significant public health risk in the school setting.
7. Declared public health emergencies at the state and federal level will be addressed by the school board on a case-by-case basis.

## **Education**

1. The administrator or designee shall seek information from appropriate health officials regarding the health needs/hazards of all students and the impact on the educational needs of a student diagnosed with a restrictable disease or exposed to a restrictable disease.

2. The administrator or designee shall, utilizing information obtained above, determine an educational program for such a student and implement the program in an appropriate (i.e., regular or alternative) setting.
3. The administrator or designee shall review the appropriateness of the educational program and the educational setting of each individual student.

### **Equipment and Training**

1. The administrator or designee shall, on a case-by-case basis, determine what equipment and/or supplies are necessary in a particular classroom or other setting in order to prevent disease transmission.
2. The administrator or designee shall consult with appropriate health officials to provide special training in the methods of protection from disease transmission.
3. All district personnel will be instructed annually by qualified trainers to use the proper precautions pertaining to blood and body fluid exposure per the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

### **Specific Guidance for COVID-19**

1. Students and staff will be screened for COVID-19 on any day where school is in session while screening is required by the local public health authority.
2. A staff member will check and record the temperature of all students and staff at the beginning of the day upon arrival at the school campus.
3. Any individual who has a temperature of 100.4°F or more, or who exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, will be excluded from school in accordance with the restrictable diseases policy.
4. Any individual who must be excluded from the school for health reasons but cannot immediately leave will be isolated in a separate area of the school building until such time as the individual is able to leave. The isolation area will be disinfected upon the individual's departure.
5. The facility will be disinfected on a daily basis. High-traffic areas such as bathrooms and water fountains will be disinfected more often as needed.
6. Any instance of a positive COVID-19 test will be shared with all staff as well as any students who have come into contact with the infected individual.
7. Detailed information regarding communication and isolation protocols can be found in the Operational Blueprint for School Reentry.